

MARYLAND GAZETTE.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 1785.

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October 23, 1784.
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October 21, 1784.
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M DAVIS, jun.

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of the subscribers.

W. THOMAS.

January 5, 1785.

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IES WILLIAMS.

August 13, 1784.

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SELLMAN, jun.

November 23, 1784.

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An ACT to raise the supplies for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-five.

OR raising the necessary supplies for the ensuing year, Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the rate or assessment of fifteen shillings current money shall be and is hereby laid and imposed for every hundred pounds worth of property within this state, and in the same proportion for every greater or less sum; and the said rate or assessment shall be paid, collected and levied, in the manner herein after directed.

Provided, That all property belonging to this State, the United States, or either of them, or to any church, county, or parish, or to any public or county school, all provisions (except live stock) necessary for the use and consumption of the person to whom the same shall belong and his family for the year, plantation utensils, the working tools of mechanics and manufacturers, actually and constantly employed in their respective occupations, ready money, and wearing apparel, shall be and are hereby excepted from any rate or assessment.

And be it enacted, That five sensible, discreet and experienced persons, shall be appointed in each county of this state, who shall be called commissioners of the tax, and they, or any three or more of them, shall be the commissioners for each county; provided that no member of the general assembly or the council, clerk of the general or any county court, or sheriff, clergyman, practicing attorney or physician, sheriff, clerks of the general or any county court, or innkeeper, mariner, or inspector, shall be appointed a commissioner.

And be it enacted, That the following persons shall be and they are hereby appointed commissioners for the several and respective counties of this state, to wit: For Saint Mary's county, Messieurs Jeremiah Jordan, Thomas Bond, Robert Chesley, William Killgour, and William Somerville; for Kent county, Messieurs Richard Miller, William Maxwell, junior, George Hanson, Nathaniel Comegys, and Simon Wickes, of Chester town; for Anne-Arundel county, Messieurs John Weems, John Brice, William Hall, Edward Gaither, and James Tootell; for Calvert county, Messieurs Daniel Rawlings, Joseph Blake, Joseph Wilkinfon, Thomas Mackall, and Frederick Skinner; for Charles county, Messieurs Richard Barnes, Thomas Harris, Henry Barnes, Gerard Blackinton Caufin, and Hoskin Hanson; for Baltimore county, Messieurs William Spear, Benjamin Rogers, Darby Lux, Samuel Owings, and Daniel Bowley; for Talbot county, Messieurs Thomas Sherwood, Howes Goldsborough, Samuel Chamberlaine, Peregrine Tilghman, and Henry Banning; for Somerset county, Messieurs William Gillis, David Wilson, John Winder, John Williams, and Ezekiel Gillis; for Dorchester county, Messieurs Robert Harrison, Henry Hooper, Q. S. Joseph Enzals, John Goldsborough, and James Sulivane; for Cecil county, Messieurs Samuel Gilpin, John Ward, inspector, Jeremiah Baker, Samuel Veszey, and James Evans, senior; for Prince-George's county, Messieurs Nathaniel Magruder, John Contee, Robert Darnall, David Crautour, and Clement Hill; for Queen-Anne's county, Messieurs Aquila Brown, Richard Tilghman Earle, John Brown, Arthur Emory junior, and Edward Downs; for Worcester county, Messieurs Thomas Martin, John Selby, Thomas Purnell, of Thomas, Samuel Handy, and William Handy, Indian towns; for Frederick county, Messieurs William Murdock Bell, Thomas Hawkins, Peter Mantz, Joshua Gill, and James Ogle; for Harford county, Messieurs Thomas Johnson, William Wilson, Robert Morgan, William Smith, (Ray side) and Jacob Norris; for Caroline county, Messieurs Robert Pollwaite, Philemon Downes, Matthew Driver, Philip Walker, and Thomas Masfor; for Washington county, Messieurs Charles Swearingen, Alexander Clagett, Denton Jacques, William Good, and Martin Karshner; for Montgomery county, Messieurs Richard Brooke, Samuel Thomas the third, Richard Wootton, William Hulms, and Allen Bowie.

And be it enacted, That every commissioner appointed (or to be appointed) in virtue of this act, shall, before he acts as such, take the following oath (or affirmation) to wit: "I, A. B. do swear, or solemnly, sincerely, and truly, declare and affirm, that as commissioner for _____ county, I will, to the best of my skill and judgment, execute the duties of the said office, diligently and faithfully, according to the directions of this act, without favour, affection, or partiality, and that I will do equal right and justice, according to the best of my knowledge, in every case in which I shall act as commissioner. So help me God."

And be it enacted, That every commissioner, who shall take upon himself the execution of this act, during the time he shall act as such, shall be exempt from all military duty.

And be it enacted, That if any person appointed commissioner of the tax shall refuse to serve, not having a reasonable excuse in the judgment of the county court of his county, he shall, for such refusal, forfeit the sum of one hundred pounds current money.

And be it enacted, That if any person appointed a commissioner, or to any office in virtue of this act, hath not heretofore taken the oaths (or affirmations) of fidelity and support to this state, such person shall, before he acts as such, take the oaths directed by this act, subscribe a declaration of his belief in the christian religion, and take the oath or affirmation (as the case may be) of fidelity to this state, directed by the constitution, and the oath or affirmation prescribed by the act to punish certain crimes and misdemeanors, and to prevent the growth of toyism; which oaths or affirmations any one of the said commissioners, or any justice of the peace, may administer.

And be it enacted, That if any of the days appointed by this act for the performance of any of the duties hereby required shall happen to be a Sunday, then such duties shall be performed on the day following.

And be it enacted, That if any one or two of the commissioners for any of the counties aforesaid shall die, refuse, or be rendered incapable to act, a majority of the remaining commissioners may appoint some other in the place of the person or persons who shall die, refuse, or be incapable to act; and if any three or more of the said commissioners shall die, refuse, or be incapable to act, the governor may appoint some person or persons in his or their place, so as to make up the number of three commissioners, and they shall fill up the remaining vacancies in manner aforesaid.

And be it enacted, That the commissioners of the tax shall meet at the place where the county courts are usually held in their respective counties, on the first Monday in March next, or as soon thereafter as they may have notice of this act, and as often afterwards as shall be necessary; and the said commissioners, at their said meeting, shall appoint a clerk, who shall be and is hereby required, in case he has no reasonable excuse, to act as such for the ensuing year, under the penalty of twenty pounds current money. And the said commissioners shall, and they are hereby authorized and required, to call before them the clerks of the several counties respectively, or any other person or persons who may have possession of the assessors returns, and list made out by the commissioners of the tax for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-three, and the valuation of land in the several counties, according to the returns of the commissioners of the tax agreeably to the act to raise the supplies for the ensuing year, passed at November session seventeen hundred and eighty-three, shall be considered and are hereby declared to be the value of land on which to lay the tax for the next year; and that the commissioners of the tax appointed in virtue of this act are hereby authorized and directed to add any land since granted, with such value affixed to the same as they shall determine, and to add any land since leased on ground-rent, with the value affixed as to other land leased on ground-rent; and the commissioners are hereby invested with full authority to abate or increase the valuation of any tract of land, and they are particularly directed to make diligent inquiry and invariably to observe, that all land in their county of the same quality be estimated at the same value, that on comparison equity and justice may take place in the valuation of land in their county.

And be it enacted, That the several county clerks shall, and they are hereby authorized and required to deliver the commissioners of their county a list of alienations for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-four of real property in their respective counties, with all convenient speed after required so to do, under the penalty of twenty pounds current money for every neglect or refusal.

And be it enacted, That the commissioners of the tax shall have full power and authority to meet at any other place in their respective counties that the major part of them may agree upon, and which may be by them thought more convenient to the inhabitants of the several hundreds or districts in their respective counties.

And, for the discovery of all personal property liable to assessment by this act, where the commissioners may have good reason to believe there hath been any change, Be it enacted, That every person, if particularly required by the commissioners of the county, or by any one or more of them, in which

his personal property lies, shall give in to such commissioner or commissioners a full and particular account of all his personal property in the same county, and of all property in his possession liable to assessment, and to whom the same belongs; and if any person shall refuse, or after reasonable and convenient notice shall neglect, to render such account, he shall forfeit not exceeding twenty pounds current money for such refusal or neglect; and the commissioners, or the major part of them, shall, on their own knowledge, or the best information they can obtain, value the personal property of such person to the utmost sum they believe in their conscience the same may be worth; and the said commissioners shall double the assessment of such person, and the same shall be collected as the rate by this act imposed; and if any person shall give a partial account of his personal property, or of the property in his possession, with intent that the payment of the rate on any property omitted may be avoided, such person shall forfeit the value of the property so omitted.

And be it enacted, That the following species of personal property shall be valued at the respective sums following, to wit: Every male and female slave from eight to fourteen years of age, twenty-five pounds current money; and every male slave from fourteen to forty-five years of age, seventy pounds like money; and every female slave from fourteen to thirty-six years of age, sixty pounds like money; and silver plate eight shillings and four pence like money per ounce; and the other articles of personal property shall be left to the discretion and judgment of the several commissioners, who shall estimate the same at its present actual worth in ready money, in coin, at the value ascertained, and made current by law. Provided, That the said commissioners shall be at liberty, and are hereby directed, to estimate male slaves who are tradesmen, at such value as they may judge them to be worth, regarding their respective trades and their proficiency therein, and the annual value arising therefrom; and also male and female slaves under eight years of age, and male slaves above the age of forty-five years, and female above the age of thirty-six years, to a true proportioned value to male and female slaves above or under those ages; and if any slave shall not be perfect in his limbs or sight, or from the want of health, or any visible infirmity, shall be rendered incapable to perform his usual and proper labour, the commissioners shall make a reasonable abatement for such cause.

And, Whereas it may be just and reasonable in some cases to vary from the quantity of acres contained in the patent or deed by which the present possessor holds the same, Be it enacted, That where the commissioners shall know, or be informed and have good reason to believe, that there is surplus land held under the patent or deed, it shall and may be lawful, and they are hereby required to call on the person to whom the land is assessed, to ascertain the quantity of such land; and the said commissioners may, in their discretion, administer an oath (or affirmation) to such person, to discover his knowledge or belief, touching the quantity of such land; and the party so to be assessed shall, and he is hereby obliged to take such oath or affirmation as aforesaid, and answer thereon as to the quantity of such land to the best of his knowledge and belief, under the penalty of fifty pounds current money for every neglect or refusal; and where any person assessed holds less than the quantity specified in the patent or deed, it shall and may be lawful for the party assessed to ascertain the quantity, by oath or affirmation as aforesaid, or otherwise to prove the same to the satisfaction of the commissioners, who shall allow for such deficiency.

And be it enacted, That if any person, who ought to be assessed by virtue of this act for any personal property, shall, by removing his or her effects from the county where they ought to have been valued, or by any other fraud or device, escape being taxed, and the same be proved before any one of the commissioners, or any justice of the peace for the county where such person resides, at any time within one year next after his property ought to have been valued, every such person shall be charged in the county where he is found, upon proof thereof, double the value of the sum he ought to have been rated by this act, and the same shall be collected from such person by the collector of the county where he shall be found.

And be it enacted, That all lands held or enjoyed immediately by tenants in fee simple, conditional or executory, or fee tail, or by tenant for life without any contingency and impeachment of waste, and who pays no rent, or by tenant by the courtesy,